AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 8, lines 9-13, with the following paragraph:

Activatable objects are defined by the designer to exist as a member of a group of objects, such as group 305. The designer preferably assigns objects to particular groups so that objects within a group are designed to interact with one another. For example, objects within a group should have a relationship of mutual trust strong enough to allow them all to run within a single Java virtual machine 308. Once assigned to a group, objects stay within that group.

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 9, line 3, with the following paragraph:

Preferably, one activation entity 304 exists per each active Java virtual machine 308.